GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRE DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have advised all the universities in the country to establish a Centre or a Directorate of Distance Education;

(b) if so, the number of universities which have so far established such Centres; and

(c) the time by which such Centres are likely to be set up in all the Universities in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURC DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been charged with the responsibility of promotion, coordination and maintenance of standard in open and distance education system in the country. For this purpose, under the IGNOU Act, 1985, a Distance Education Council (DEC) has been set up as statutory authority. DEC has requested all the Universities to establish a Centre/Directorate to encourage distance education.

(b) In addition to one National and nine State Open Universities that are imparting Open and Distance Learning Education, there are 64 Conventional Universities which are running Centres/Directorates of Distance Education Institutions.

(c) Since setting-up of such Centres/Directorate require the Universities to pass a Resolution with the approval of statutory and other authorities, no definite time-frame can be indicated. However, efforts are being made to promote and encourage Open and Distance Learning System in the country.